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PIOTRKOW TO BE IMPORTANT COTTON CENTER

Under the Six-Year Plan, many small towns in Poland are rapidly becoming industrial centers. One such town is Bugaj, a suburb of Piotrkow. Before the war, Bugaj had one small textile factory, a branch of one of the Lodz cotton factories, employing approximately 700 workers. During Hitler's occupation, this factory was converted into a marmalade factory. After the war, the factory, for a couple of years, served as a warehouse.

Under the Six-Year Plan, a large cotton manufacturing center, employing 10,000 persons, will rise in Piotrkow. Construction on this new industrial center has already begun.

As a starting point, the original small factory in Bugaj was completely renovated, a new wing added, and the boilerhouse expanded. In November 1950, machines purchased from Great Britain will arrive, and the medium-thread spinning mill, employing approximately 1,500 persons, will be opened.

The expansion of this old factory is only a small fraction of the large investments to be made in Bugaj. On an area of about 2 square kilometers adjoining the old factory, foundations for a large weaving and fine-thread spinning mill are being laid. Over 1,000 building workers are employed at the site.

The weaving mill and the spinning mill will be equipped entirely with machines from the USSR. These machines will be sent to Poland in accordance with the economic pact and credit agreements concluded between the Polish government and the USSR. Construction has to be accelerated because Poland has already received notification of the first 400-carload shipment of textile machines. This gives some idea of the immensity of the factories now under construction.

Technical plans for these factories are being furnished by the USSR. At the beginning of 1951, the fine-thread spinning mill will be ready and operating. The best cotton raw material will be used, and the production is to be earmarked for the knitwear industry. Construction will continue until 1955, when this industrial center will be in full operation.

Factories will be equipped with modern technical equipment. They will be airconditioned and separate ventilators and air blowers will clear the air of harmful

Eighty percent of the workers employed on construction of these factories are engaged in work competition programs. DECTRICTER

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